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## Do you have a retirement savings gap?



For many, the retirement savings gap is a reality. The good news is there are steps you can take now to improve your prospects for a better-quality retirement.

Consider these tips to help you close the gap:

- **Identify where you are spending your money.** Write down everything you spend money on for a few months, then take a step back to see what regular expenses are taking money away from your long-term goals.
- **Start planning for retirement now.** Retirement may seem far away for many which makes it easy to put off saving. Join your employer's supplemental retirement plan as soon as you are able.
- **Pay yourself first**. Consider increasing your contribution to your retirement plan each year. When you get a raise, give your retirement account a raise too.
- **Consider consulting a financial professional.** Whether you are married, widowed or single, it's important to look at what your long-term goals are and how you plan to get there.

## Contact your local Horace Mann <u>representative</u> to get help with developing a plan to achieve your retirement dreams.

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